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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 307 (Cassis)

Senate Bill 307 would require local school to adopt and implement a parental involvement plan to encourage parental participation.

Support: Michigan Education Association, Michigan Association of School Psychologists, Michigan Association of School Social Workers, Department of Education, Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 307 [RC 255: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 783 (McManus)

SB 783 would establish an anti-hazing act known as “Garret’s Law.” The bill prohibits a person attending or employed by an educational institution from engaging in or participating in the hazing of individuals.

There were five amendments for SB 783. Amendment #1 inserted language to prohibit hazing by volunteers. Amendment #2 inserted “participating in” into the definition of hazing. Amendment #3 changed the penalty for hazing resulting in serious injury to a five-year felony. Amendment #4 inserted a 90 days effective date. Amendment #5 was technical. There were two amendments for SB 784. Amendment #1 changed the sentencing guidelines to reflect the five year felony imposed by SB 783. Amendment #2 inserted a 90 days effective date.

- Cropsey 1 (3 amends) was adopted [no RC]. This removed several of the changes made by the House.
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 783, as amended by the Senate [RC 256: yes, no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

FINAL PASSAGE

HB 5307 (Van Regenmorter)

HB 5307 would provide procedures for trustees when administering an estate in separating principal from income. The bill would repeal the current, outdated act and replace it with the newer Uniform Principal and Income Act. The model act incorporates many of the existing provisions, but includes several new provisions that reflect changes in investment practices and that resolve conflicts with the Prudent Investor Rule.

- The Senate reconsidered the vote passing HB 5307.
- Cropsey 2 (6 amends) was adopted [no RC].
- Cropsey 2 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 5307 passed with IE [RC 257: 37 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 927 (McManus)

SB 927 would change current law (i.e., Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund) to establish a joint legislative work group on game and fish program revenue. The work group would have to consist of representatives of the House and Senate standing committees with primary responsibility for natural resources issues and the House and Senate Appropriations subcommittees on natural resources. The Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader would have to appoint members on a bipartisan basis within 30 days of the bill's effective date. Also, the group would have to include representatives of the Natural Resources Commission and other interested parties.

Support: MUCC, Trout Unlimited -- The workgroup is necessary to monitor the money in the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The DNR has a financial advisory council that discloses the current state of the fund but additional scrutiny is required.

Oppose: DNR, Administration -- The DNR fully discloses the use of funds in the budgeting process. This workgroup would be made up of legislators giving direction to the executive branch in a violation of checks and balances.

- SB 927 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.